

Helping Hypocritical People

"EGR's: Extra Grace Required", Part 4 of 5
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I) THE HABITS OF HYPOCRITES

1) Their WORDS AND BELIEFS don't line up.

"You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'"

(Matthew 15:7-8, NIV)

2) Their BELIEFS AND ACTIONS don't line up.

"The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'"

(Luke 13:15-16, NIV)

3) Their STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS don't line up.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices... But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel."

(Matthew 23:23-24, NIV)

II) THE HEARTBEAT OF HYPOCRISY

***The hypocrite is someone who
HIDES BEHIND A MASK OF PRIDE.**

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence... You are like whitewashed tombs... In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

(Matthew 23:25, 27-28, NIV)

(see Adam and Eve in Genesis 3)

***The pride that leads us to hide:**

a) Pride based on IMMATURITY.

b) Pride fueled by INFLEXIBILITY.

c) Pride rooted in INADEQUACY.

"In his pride the wicked does not seek Him; in his thoughts there is no room for God."
(Psalm 10:4, NIV)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5c, NIV)

III) SOME HYPOCRITE HELP AND HOPE

1) As quickly as possible, CONFRONT THE HYPOCRITE.

"When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong... he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when [certain men from James] arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy..."
(Galatians 2:11-13a, NIV)

2) Don't let the hypocrite RUB OFF ON YOU.

"I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites." (Ps. 26:4, NIV)

3) EXAMINE YOUR LIFE before you critique another's.

"You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matthew 7:5, NIV)

"Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean."
(Matthew 23:26, NIV)

4) Everyone is a hypocrite APART FROM JESUS CHRIST.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

(Romans 3:23-24, NIV)